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SUBJECT CRITICISM OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS, OVER WHAT THEY BELIEVE
TO BE THE "SOFT" POLICY TOWARD SUBVERSION; ORDERS BY THE CHIEF
OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE TO KILL NOT CAPTURE
SUBVERSIVES; KILLING OF SUBVERSIVES WHO HAVE BEEN IN JAIL

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[REDACTED] GENERAL CARLOS SUAREZ VASCONCELOS, COMMANDER

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[REDACTED] THAT IT IS TIME TO STOP BEING SO EASY ON THE
TERRORISTS IN THE COUNTRY AND START AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THEM. IN THIS
REGARD, GENERAL SUAREZ MASON WAS CRITICAL OF THE "SOFT" POLICIES OF
PRESIDENT JORGE VILLELA AND HE WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF GENERAL ALBANO
HARGUINDEGUY, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, FOR NOT PURSUING THE
SUBVERSIVES WITH SUFFICIENT STRENGTH AND AGGRESSIVENESS. GENERAL SANTIAGO
OMAR RIVEROS, COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY INSTITUTES
AGREED WITH SUAREZ MASON AND STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT IT IS INVOLVED IN A GENUINE WAR AGAINST SUBVERSION AND PROVIDE THE
TROOPS WITH THE NECESSARY FINANCING, WEAPONS AND OTHER SUPPORT.

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THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE WOULD BE TAKING A HARDER LINE TOWARD
THE SUBVERSIVES AND THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE HE WANTED NO PRISONERS
FOR INTERROGATION, ONLY CADAVERS. [REDACTED]

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GRUMBLING WITHIN

THE ARMY RANKS OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD SUBVERSION HAS BEEN APPARENT IN RECENT WEEKS, AND [REDACTED] ASSERTION THAT STARTING IMMEDIATELY THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE WOULD BE TAKING A HARDER LINE TOWARD SUBVERSIVES SEEMED UNEQUIVOCAL.)

WHILE

SOME OF THE RECENT ACTIONS IN LA PLATA AGAINST SUBVERSIVES REPORTED IN THE PRESS HAVE BEEN LEGITIMATE OPERATIONS, OTHERS HAVE BEEN FABRICATIONS ON THE PART OF THE AUTHORITIES DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN AWAY THE KILLING OF PRISONERS WHO HAD BEEN UNDER DETENTION IN VARIOUS JAILS.

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT

THAT

THE MONTONEROS HAVE SUFFERED EXTENSIVELY AS

A RESULT OF RECENT ACTIONS BY THE SECURITY

FORCES AGAINST THE MONTONEROS LOGISTICAL

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[REDACTED] THE RECENT ACTIONS BY THE SECURITY FORCES AGAINST
THE MONTONEROS REPRESENT THE GREATEST BLOW EVER DEALT TO
THE LOGISTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION
IN ARGENTINA. [REDACTED]

AS A RESULT

OF THE RAIDS AGAINST MONTONERO WEAPONS FACTORIES AND SUPPLY
CENTERS, THE AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED ALMOST ALL OF THE
G-70 "ENERGA" GRENADES MADE BY THE MONTONEROS AND ALMOST
ALL OF THE 16-22-MP GRENADE LAUNCHERS. IN ADDITION, ABOUT
ONE-FOURTH OF THE HAND GRENADES UNDER PRODUCTION WERE
SEIZED, AS WERE THE PROTOTYPES FOR 60 MM MORTARS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THE MONTONEROS
WILL SEEK OUT INTERNATIONAL SOURCES FOR WEAPONS RATHER
THAN ATTEMPT TO MAKE UP THE LOSSES THROUGH LOCAL MANUFACTURE.

2. THE ACTIONS WHICH RESULTED IN THE ABOVE LOSSES
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. CHACO, 2 NOVEMBER: TWO REVOLVERS, PROJECTILES
AND SFM-4 GRENADES.

B. CORRIENTES, 3 NOVEMBER: ONE "BATAAN" SHOTGUN,
ONE .38 CAL. REVOLVER, THREE SFM-4 GRENADES AND PROJECTILES

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OF VARIOUS CALIBERS.

C. SANTE FE, 21 NOVEMBER: ONE SFM GRENADE
LAUNCHER, TWO 12 GAUGE SHOTGUNS, ONE .38 CAL. REVOLVER,
FOUR SFM-4 GRENADES AND MATERIAL FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
EXPLOSIVES.

D. VILLA DOMINICO, BUENOS AIRES, 8 NOVEMBER:
THREE METAL LATHES, TWO FILING MACHINES, THREE 40-TON
HYDRAULIC PRESSES, ONE ROTATING AND ONE STATIONARY WELDING
TORCH, THREE VERTICAL DRILLS, TWO MACHINES FOR SHARPENING
METAL WORKING TOOLS, ONE MILLING MACHINE, ACETYLENE AND
ELECTRICAL WELDING EQUIPMENT, VARIOUS METAL WORKING TOOLS
AND TOOL SHELVES, FIVE HUNDRED COMPLETED HAND GRENADES,
FIVE HUNDRED HAND GRENADES IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
ASSEMBLED, THREE HUNDRED MECHANISMS FOR EXPLOSIVE
BOoby TRAPS, THREE HUNDRED GRENADE LAUNCHING TUBES,
TWO THOUSAND NOSE CONES FOR LAUNCHING GRENADES, PARTS FOR
A .22 CAL. CARBINE, ONE 60 MM MORTAR IN THE EXPERIMENTAL
STAGE, DETONATING CORD FOR EXPLOSIVES, FUSE CORD AND ELECTRIC
CLOCKS FOR USE WITH EXPLOSIVES.

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED OPERATIONS OF THE MONTONEROS IN
THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTION AREA

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TYPES OF OPERATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT IN THE
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A. SEND EXPLOSIVE PACKAGES, PARTICULARLY TO MILITARY OFFICERS,

B. CHECK INTO AN UPPER CLASS HOTEL AND REMAIN ABOUT 2-3 DAYS. LEAVE DATA AND EQUIPMENT AROUND THE ROOM TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PLACE HAD BEEN USED TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR PASSAGE TO THE MONTONEROS.

C. PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS FOR THE SALE OF ITEMS AT DRASTICALLY REDUCED PRICES AND INCLUDE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WHICH ARE IN FACT THOSE OF VARIOUS MILITARY OFFICERS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TYPE OF OPERATION IS TO TIE UP THE TELEPHONES OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS SELECTED.

D. PLACE SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES IN RESTAURANTS AND COFFEEHOUSES FREQUENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE UPPER CLASS AND BY THE MILITARY.

E. MAKE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS STATING THAT AT A CERTAIN TIME AND DATE ALL OF THE RESTAURANTS, HOTELS

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AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS IN A GIVEN AREA WILL BE BLOWN UP,

F. MAKE NOTE OF MARRIAGES AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS
WHICH ARE REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS. CALL UP THE PEOPLE
INVOLVED AND THREATEN THEM.

G. CALL THE HOMES OF BUSINESSMEN, MILITARY
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE UPPER CLASS AND STATE THAT
YOU WISH TO VERIFY THEIR ADDRESSES FOR FUTURE TERRORIST
OPERATIONS.

H. PLACE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS
FOR THE RENTAL OF LUXURIOUS HOMES, GIVING THE TELEPHONE
NUMBERS OF MEMBERS OF THE UPPER CLASS.

I. SEND THREATENING LETTERS TO MILITARY AND
POLICE OFFICIALS AND TO BUSINESSMEN.

J. SEND LETTERS TO MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS
WHICH REVEAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILIES OF THESE
INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER PERSONAL DATA. INCLUDE FORMS
INDICATING AREAS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE RECIPIENTS WHICH
THE LATTER SHOULD FILL IN AND RETURN TO THE MONTONEROS
VIA A MONTONERO REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL BE AROUND AT
A FUTURE DATE TO PICK THE FORMS UP.

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K. SEND INFORMATION OFFERING LIFE INSURANCE
POLICIES TO SELECTED INDIVIDUALS.

L. HAVE PUBLISHED IN "LA NACION" NEWSPAPER
A FUNERAL NOTICE OF A PROMINENT MILITARY OFFICER OR
BUSINESSMAN.

M. SEND FUNERAL WREATHS TO HOMES OF MILITARY
OFFICERS AND BUSINESSMEN.

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SUBJECT THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WITHIN THE
COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN

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SUMMARY: THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (NIC) IS TO DEVELOP AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUPS. THE TASK IS PRIMARILY CARRIED OUT BY ANALYZING CONFISCATED DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVIDED BY CAPTURED SUBVERSIVES. THE NIC WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MILITARY AND POLICE INTELLIGENCE UNITS, THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SECRETARIAT (SIDE) AND THE PENITENTIARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THE NIC COMES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY AND IS

5 UNDER THE IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY OF THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. 5

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THE NIC OCCASIONALLY PARTICIPATES IN SOME ACTION OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY ONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES. NIC ACTION OPERATIONS FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS WHICH RECENTLY ISSUED AN ORDER THAT ALL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FIRST CORPS AREA ARE TO BE IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED AFTERWARDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTS, SUCH AS STEALING. THE NIC IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: GROUP ONE - IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE ON THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP); GROUP TWO - IT HANDLES INTELLIGENCE ON MONTONEROS; GROUP THREE - THIS GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE ON SMALL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PERONIST ARMED FORCES (FAP); GROUP FOUR - THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE ON OTHER SMALL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PODER OBRERO; GROUP FIVE - IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE ON THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR). THE CHIEFS OF THE FIVE GROUPS MEET PERIODICALLY TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. ALL OF THE PRESENT NIC PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHOM ARE FROM THE ARMY, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NIC UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (NIC) WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN IS TO DEVELOP AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUPS. THE NIC CARRIES OUT THIS TASK PRIMARILY BY ANALYZING CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVIDED BY CAPTURED MEMBERS OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS. THE NIC WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE UNITS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, GENDARMERIE, MARITIME PREFECTURE, FEDERAL POLICE AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, AS WELL AS THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SECRETARIAT (SIDE) AND THE PENITENTIARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THE NIC DOES NOT HAVE COMMAND AUTHORITY OVER THESE VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE UNITS BUT DOES PRESENT REQUESTS WHICH ARE CHANNELLED THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE UNITS. THE OFFICES OF THE NIC ARE NOT CENTRALIZED BUT ARE LOCATED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS NOTED BELOW; NOR DOES THE NIC MAINTAIN CENTRALIZED FILES. WHEN DATA IS REQUIRED, IT IS REQUESTED FROM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

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2. THE NIC COMES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY. ORDERS SENT BY THE ARMY TO THE NIC ARE CHANNELED THROUGH THE ARMY G-2 (INTELLIGENCE) OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF TO THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION WHICH HAS IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY OVER THE NIC.

3. ON OCCASION NIC MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN ACTION OPERATIONS, BUT THE OPERATIONS THEMSELVES ARE CONDUCTED BY A UNIT OF ONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES AND ARE ALWAYS COMMANDED BY AN ARMY OFFICER. ALL OF THE ACTIONS IN WHICH THE NIC PARTICIPATES ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS AND ARE COORDINATED WITH THE FIRST CORPS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT FIRST CORPS ORDER, ANY OPERATION CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CORPS AREA IS TO BE IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED AFTERWARDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, SUCH AS STEALING, DURING THE COURSE OF THE OPERATION.

4. THE NIC IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE GROUPS:

A. GROUP ONE. THIS GROUP IS IN CHARGE OF INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). ITS OFFICES ARE WITH THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION AT VIAMONTE AND CALLAO STREETS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF OF THE GROUP IS A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER WHO WORKS WITH THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. HE HAS A DEPUTY PLUS 69 PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO HIM WHO ARE DIVIDED INTO NINE DESKS WITH RESPONSIBILITY AS FOLLOWS: NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ERP, INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ERP, ERP BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL, TUCUMAN REGIONAL, PARANA REGIONAL, CORDOBA REGIONAL, SANTA FE REGIONAL, ROSARIO REGIONAL AND THE "GUEVARIST YOUTH" (ERP YOUTH GROUP).

B. GROUP TWO. THIS GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE INVOLVING THE MONTONEROS. ITS OFFICES ARE WITH FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE ON MORENO STREET IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF IS A FEDERAL POLICE COMMISSIONER, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION CAPTAIN. THIS GROUP HAS 60 PEOPLE AND IS DIVIDED INTO NINE DESKS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES SIMILAR TO THAT OF GROUP ONE.

C. GROUP THREE. THE GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE PERONIST ARMED FORCES (FAP), THE COMMUNIST

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LEAGUE, THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE AND OTHER SMALL GROUPS. ITS OFFICES ARE IN THE "LIBERTAD" NAVY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF IS A NAVY OFFICIAL, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY CAPTAIN OF THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. THIS GROUP HAS 21 PEOPLE. IT IS NOT DIVIDED INTO DESKS.

D. GROUP FOUR. THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORKER POWER COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION (PODER OBRERO), THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES (FAL), THE ERP-22, THE LIBERATION ARMY-22 (EL-22), THE POPULAR LIBERATION COMMANDS (CPL), THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER GROUP (GOR) AND OTHER SMALL SPLINTER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BROKE OFF FROM THE FAL.

GROUP FOUR IS LOCATED IN THE "CONDOR" AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE CHIEF IS AN AIR FORCE VICE COMMODORE, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION CAPTAIN. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 27 PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THIS GROUP. IT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR DESKS, TWO OF WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PODER OBRERO, ONE FOR THE ERP-22 AND EL-22 AND THE OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

E. GROUP FIVE. THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR) AND IS IN THE OFFICES OF SIDE ON 25 DE MAYO STREET IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

[REDACTED] THE "INTERNATIONAL DESK" OF THE NIC WHICH WAS CREATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1976 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING, IDENTIFYING AND DESTROYING ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE TIES WITH INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE JCR.

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[REDACTED] THE "INTERNATIONAL DESK" IS ALSO ANALYZING ARGENTINE LEFTIST PROPAGANDA APPEARING IN THE FOREIGN PRESS.

5. THE VARIOUS NIC GROUPS COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES THROUGH PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE CHIEFS OF THE GROUPS. THESE MEETINGS ARE ALSO ATTENDED BY FOUR OTHER PEOPLE; TWO FROM THE ARMY, ONE FROM THE NAVY AND ONE FROM THE AIR FORCE. MOST OF THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO

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THE NIC ARE FROM THE ARMY; HOWEVER, THE CHIEFS OF THE DESKS WITHIN
THE GROUPS ARE ASSIGNED BY RANK REGARDLESS OF THE SERVICE THEY
REPRESENT. ALL OF THE PERSONNEL WITHIN THE NIC HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED
THERE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977.

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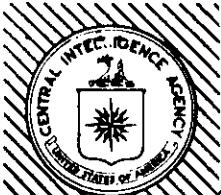
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SUBJECT STATUS REPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY AS OF EARLY
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SUMMARY:

ON THE STATUS OF THE ~~THE~~ PEOPLE'S REVOL-

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THE DEATH OF ERP COMMANDER ROBERTO SANTUCHO, LEADERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS ASSUMED BY A TRIUMVIRATE. DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN, THE ERP HAS NOT BEEN DESTROYED AND IS ATTEMPTING TO REASSERT ITSELF BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY.
END SUMMARY.

1. [redacted]

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OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). FOLLOWING
ARE HIGHLIGHTS [redacted]

2. AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS AGAINST THE ERP BY THE SECURITY FORCES, THE ERP DECIDED TO DECENTRALIZE AUTHORITY AND PASS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE "GUEVARIST YOUTH," FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH IS THE ERP'S YOUTH GROUP, NO LONGER IS DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ERP BUT IS RESPONSIVE TO APPROPRIATE REGIONAL OFFICIALS.

3. AS OF EARLY NOVEMBER 1976 THE MAIN LEADERS OF THE ERP ARE ARNALDO JUAN CREMER, ALIAS "LUIS MATTINI," CHIEF OF LOGISTICS AND INTERNATIONAL

MATTERS; JULIO ALFREDO OROPEZA, ALIAS "NEGRO JORGE,"

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COORDINATOR OF THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; ENRIQUE
~~HAROLD GORRIARAN MERLO~~, ALIAS "CAPTAIN
RICARDO," CHIEF OF MILITARY OPERATIONS; CARLOS HECTOR
~~GERMAN~~, ALIAS "MAURO GOMEZ," LEADER OF THE ERP
REMNANTS IN TUCUMAN; CARLOS OTERO ZOCOLA, ALIAS "DANIEL
~~MARTIN~~" OR "EL VASCO," A REGIONAL OFFICER WHO WAS
FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF THE ERP REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE
REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR). Arg [REDACTED] COMMENT!

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1976, CAPTURED ERP MEMBERS TOLD THE AUTHORITIES THAT
FOLLOWING THE DEATH ON 19 JULY 1976 OF MARIO ROBERTO
SANTUCHO, THE ERP COMMANDER, THE LEADERSHIP OF
THE ERP WAS TAKEN OVER NOT BY ONE INDIVIDUAL BUT BY A
TRIUMVIRATE. THE CAPTIVES WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE
NAMES OF THOSE WHO COMPRIZE THE TRIUMVIRATE BUT DID STATE
THAT GORRIARAN MERLO, WHO WAS RUMORED TO REPLACE SANTUCHO,
WAS NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE HE IS TOO AUTORITATIVE. OTHER
INFORMATION, HOWEVER, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO THE ARGENTINE

[REDACTED] SUGGESTS

THAT GORRIARAN MERLO MAY IN FACT BE THE MOST DOMINANT

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LEADER OF THE ERP, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE POSSIBILITY THAT "LUIS MATTINI" IS THE TOP
OFFICIAL.)

4. THE ERP HAS ENGAGED IN RELATIVELY FEW TERRORIST ACTIONS IN RECENT WEEKS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF TRAINED CADRES AS A RESULT OF COUNTERSUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS. ON A FAIRLY LIMITED SCALE, THE ERP HAS KILLED AND THREATENED BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, MAINLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FIRING OR SUSPENDING WORKERS; CARRIED OUT ACTS OF SABOTAGE; KILLED MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES, IN PART TO OBTAIN WEAPONS; AND STOLEN FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE PEOPLE. POLITICALLY, THE ERP, AND ITS POLITICAL ARM, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY (PRT), EVENTUALLY HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO LEAD THE OPPOSITION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE LABOR SECTOR.

5. INTERNATIONALLY, THE ERP CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE WITHIN THE JCR, A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF TERRORIST GROUPS OF THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES WITH CONNECTIONS IN EUROPE. THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF ARGENTINA

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(OLA), WHICH WAS TO BE COMPRISED OF VARIOUS ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ERP, HAS NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND THE TALKING STAGES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE ERP AND THE MONTONEROS OVER WHICH GROUP SHOULD LEAD OLA.

5. [REDACTED] DESPITE THE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE ERP IN THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN, THE ERP HAS NOT BEEN DESTROYED AND IS ATTEMPTING TO REORGANIZE AND REASSERT ITSELF BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON 3 NOVEMBER 1976 THE ERP MANAGED TO TAKE CONTROL OF A TELEVISION TRANSMITTING STATION IN FLORENCIO VARELA NEAR THE CAPITAL AND BROADCAST A SPEECH WHICH LASHED OUT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND PROCLAIMED THAT THE ERP, MONTONEROS, RED BRIGADES AND OTHER ARGENTINE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO TAKE POWER UNTIL FINAL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED. [REDACTED]

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